

## Student Union opening delayed

By John Strubelt  
*Collegian Editor*

UTB/TSC students will have to wait longer before moving into the new Student Union. Originally scheduled to open in January, the new Student Union's opening has been delayed until April, Vice President for Administration and Partnership Affairs Wayne Moore said.

Several occurrences have delayed the opening of the Student Union. Among them, furniture delivery is taking longer than anticipated.

"Furniture delivery [will take] about 12 weeks and that furniture won't be approved until Dec. 18," Moore said.

There have also been delays in construction. The food court is a little behind schedule. Some exhaust vents on

the roof of the Student Union are too visible and are being relocated. The designs of the back patio are also being changed.

"We've got some pretty file in places like the restrooms and in the food commons that we're being very careful with in terms of the design," Moore said. "We're trying to be sure it was exactly [what] we wanted there. So we just made some final decisions and some of it is being custom made in Mexico and it takes a little longer."

Natural occurrences have also added to the delay.

"There were some natural things that sometimes happen during construction that delayed it," Moore said. "We've had some insulation



ANDREW NEWBORN/COLLEGIAN

**Physical Plant workers Matias will eventually carry cold water to Espinoza (from left), Cecilio del Rio power the air conditioning in the and Jesse Solorzano unload pipes that Student Center.**

See 'Delay,' Page 6

## University starts campaign to promote campus

By Ysenia Bazaldúa  
*Staff Writer*

The Rio Grande Valley will be learning about UTB/TSC and everything the campus has to offer through a new marketing campaign, which officials call a "public service."

The university will be airing a series of commercial spots depicting more than the standard plea for registration. These spots will showcase aspects about the school's programs, campus accomplishments and advancements.

In the past, people heard only about the school during registration time, according to William F. Strong, vice president for Institutional

Advancement. Commercials on radio, television, or advertisements in newspapers simply gave deadlines and a toll-free number. The information was general and not really aimed at people without prior information on degree programs. UTB/TSC is growing and so is its public reach.

"We're doing a greater outreach program to let everybody know about the great things we have going on," Strong said. "There are so many great degree programs the community can take advantage of."

Strong hopes the announcements reach and teach people everywhere; he said the school has worked very hard and

deserves some credit. UTB/TSC's media spots are aimed at promoting the school's educational resources, talent and growth. UTB/TSC has had an increase in pro-

Design contest, Page 7

grams, campus size, student enrollment and staff.

"There are new things people on campus don't even know about and we're hoping this public service will inform everyone," Strong said about the two-year project.

Strong said this project is the first time UTB/TSC would be a consistent presence in the media. People will be hearing

about the university through ads on television, radio, newspapers and billboards.

Four advertising agencies vied for the contract; the Brendon McCumber Gonzalez advertising agency won the bid, Strong said.

Asked how much the contract was worth, Strong said he could not release that kind of information.

The Collegian then asked the Business Affairs Office, but was referred to Letty Fernandez, director of News and Information. Fernandez had not returned. The Collegian's call as of press time Thursday.

Strong said UTB/TSC has run some historical pieces in

the Brownsville Herald, but the television spots are still in the works. He said the commercials are in production on campus by the advertising agency.

"We will have students and professors in these spots," he said. "We have a lot of great professors that I think the community is unaware of and we want to showcase our talent."

Once the commercials are completed, students and Valley residents should see them air on local and cable TV channels. Students should not be surprised to find school promotions between local news, cable shows or a favorite sitcom.

See 'Campaign,' Page 9

## On Campus

## Briefs

The Gorgas Science Society will meet at 12:15 p.m. today in Shared Conference Room 2.604 in the Life and Health Sciences Building. There will be sign-up sheets for a trip to **Rancho del Cielo** in Mexico and a formal Christmas gathering. Gorgas also is conducting a **fund-raising drawing** at noon Dec. 14 in the Rancho del Cielo office, located in LHS Room 2.818. Prizes include gold and sterling silver accessories. Tickets for the drawing are \$2 each and can be purchased from a Gorgas member or at the Rancho office. For more information, send an e-mail to [gorgassociety@yahoo.com](mailto:gorgassociety@yahoo.com).

The Texas Lions Camp provides on-the-job training in working with children who have physical disabilities and diabetes. The camp offers private and semi-private suites, utilities, laundry, facilities, certifications and recreational opportunities. Its summer program offers a weekly salary, room, board and laundry facilities. Students interested in the internship opportunity may send their resumes to Texas Lions Camp, P.O. Box 290247, Kerrville, Texas 78029-0247 (or e-mail it to [tlogkic.com](mailto:tlogkic.com)). Check out the camp's Web page at [www.lionscamp.com](http://www.lionscamp.com). For more information, visit the Career Services and Placement Office in Tandy Hall 205.

The Campus Police Office will be accepting **canned food** to cover **campus-issued citations** through

Dec. 31. They will be accepting **three cans for each dollar fined**. For more information, contact Campus Police at 544-8233.

Students who have leased a **graphing calculator and/or manual from the Mathematics Department** are reminded to return the calculator and/or manual no later than noon Dec. 12 to SET-B 2.454 or SET-B 2.526. If the calculator and/or manual are not returned on time, your name will be submitted to the Business Office and a hold will be placed on your account. In addition, you will be asked to pay a \$20 penalty charge. For more information, call 574-6636 or 574-6634.

The Accounting Society and Sharon Smith, associate master technology instructor of business technology, are setting up the **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program for Tax Season 2002**. VITA is looking for students interested in volunteering. Volunteers must complete an Internal Revenue Service training course in basic tax preparation and pass a certification test before they can assist taxpayers. Upon completion of a certification test, volunteers are expected to volunteer a minimum of 15 hours during the tax season. VITA offers free assistance to most taxpayers, including those with special needs, such as persons with disabilities and non-English speaking persons. For more information, send an e-mail to [giomartinez@aol.com](mailto:giomartinez@aol.com).



## PLAZA SQUARE MOTOR LODGE

"YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME"

*Beautiful, tropical courtyard setting.*

- Large Meeting Area
- Pool, Restaurant & Lounge
- Free Coffee & Snacks for Breakfast
- Daily, Weekly & Monthly Rates Available
- 24/7 Security
- Refrigerator/Microwave

Rooms from

**\$24<sup>50</sup>**

Suites from

**\$36<sup>50</sup>**

Contact Information  
PHONE: (956) 546-3184  
FAX: (956) 548-4245  
E-Mail: [AT72551@aol.com](mailto:AT72551@aol.com)

2255 Central Blvd.  
Brownsville, Texas 78520



## The Collegian Spring 2002 Publication Schedule

Issue No.	Publication Date	Ad Deadline
15	Monday, Jan. 14	Monday, Jan. 7
16	Monday, Jan. 21	Monday, Jan. 14
17	Monday, Jan. 28	Monday, Jan. 21
18	Monday, Feb. 4	Monday, Jan. 28
19	Monday, Feb. 11	Monday, Feb. 4
20	Monday, Feb. 18	Monday, Feb. 11
21	Monday, Feb. 25	Monday, Feb. 18
22	Monday, March 4*	Monday, Feb. 25

## March 11-16 Spring Break (no publication)

23	Monday, March 18	Monday, March 4
24	Monday, March 25	Monday, March 18

## March 27-29 Texas Intercollegiate Press Association Convention (no publication)

25	Monday, April 8	Monday, March 25
26	Monday, April 15	Monday, April 8
27	Monday, April 22	Monday, April 15
28	Monday, April 29**	Monday, April 22

\*Spring Break Issue

\*\*Graduation/Final Exams Issue

**Advertise in  
The Collegian.  
Call 544-8263  
for the details.**

## On Campus

## Enrollment planning task force deadline nears

By Ildefonso Ortiz  
*Tempe Nuevo Editor*

The deadline is nearing for a task force to make its recommendations on UTB/TSC's enrollment planning.

Four working groups under the Task Force for Enrollment Planning have until Dec. 15 to submit their recommendations to the Ad Hoc Task Force on Organizational Structure of the Student Affairs Division. The working groups are Recruitment, Retention, Programs and Courses, and Customer Service.

John Ronnau, dean of Graduate Studies and Sponsored Programs and special assistant to the provost for Enrollment Planning, explained the duties of each of the working groups.

"The goal of the Working Group for Recruitment is to look at what we currently do to recruit students on campus and make recommendations for improvements if needed," Ronnau said.

He said the Working Group on Retention is very important because "at any given time 75 percent of our students graduate."

"[The Programs and Courses] charge is to look at the current offerings and make recommendations for new programs if need be," Ronnau said. "We are looking at all our program offerings, including Continuing Education, TSC offerings and UTB offerings."

The charge of the fourth working group, Customer

Service, is to research and make recommendations on the way the university is serving the students to make their experience a good one.

Ronnau said one of the concepts that the university needs to work on is closer cooperation between departments.

"More cooperation between departments would facilitate the flow of information, the speed of the services and the overall enrollment planning process," Ronnau said.

Carlo Tamayo, coordinator for New Student Relations and a member of the Working Group on Recruitment, talked about the progress of the group.

"We are currently taking a look at the aspects that relate to recruiting for the university and we are seeking ways to increase ... our effectiveness," he said. "So, we are in the evaluation stage."

Tamayo said he was optimistic about the outcome.

"A lot of good things have been happening, and the designs for new strategies that are to be implemented in the future are exciting," he said. "We do know that there will be some very good things that will come out of the committee that will better serve the university."

Vincent Solis, director of Student Activities and a member of the Working Group on Customer Service, said this group is meeting once a week and looking into every single interaction that a student has with the university and ways to make

it better.

"We have looked at ways to make things simpler for students, from phone registrations, online registration ... [to] the way the phones are answered," Solis said. "We also looked at the way information is distributed, the use of technology to better provide it, and anything that we could possibly offer to the students."

José Martia, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, said the recommendations from the Enrollment Planning Task Force might be implemented immediately by the Executive Board, which will decide which recommendations to approve and when.

Earlier this semester, the university placed the offices of Admissions, Registrar, Financial Aid, Advising, New Student Relations, Testing and Dean of Enrollment Management under Academic Affairs. Previously, these depart-

ments reported to the vice president for Student Affairs. At the time, officials said the move was temporary.

Asked why there are only two Student Affairs administrators—Hilda Silva and Solis—on the task forces, Martia replied: "This is not a senate; it was done this way to include all the departments and thus get the whole picture. The groups are working closely with the heads of the Student Affairs Division and [hear their] presentations in order to get all parts of the picture."

Silva, who is interim vice president for Student Affairs, is a member of the Ad Hoc Task Force on the Organizational Structure of the Student Affairs Division.

Ruth Ann Ragland, associate vice president for Academic Affairs, chairs the Ad Hoc Task Force on Organizational Structure of the Student Affairs

Division. This committee has until Jan. 14, 2002 to make its recommendations to the provost.

"We are working hard to learn all that the Student Affairs Division does," Ragland said. "It's a large division with many programs and great depth to those programs."

She said the university is growing rapidly and the Ad Hoc Task Force has been forecasting the needs of UTB/TSC students in the future.

"We will take that information, and we will work with that," Ragland said. "We are looking into the needs of the university for the next 10 years. ... We're going to be having 20,000 students instead of 10 [thousand], so were trying to project into the future and see who our students will be and what will their needs be so that we can make recommendations that will accommodate that growth."

**We have a surefire way  
to predict the future.  
Hire you to invent it.**

Cyberspace controls and laser defense systems came as no surprise to the U.S. Air Force. In fact, they came off our drawing boards. No wonder we're always looking to hire the best and brightest. You can leverage your degree immediately and get hands-on experience with some of the most sophisticated technology on earth. To find out how to get your career off the ground, call 1-800-423-USAF or visit our Web site at [airforce.com](http://airforce.com).



U.S. AIR FORCE

**Happy Holidays  
from  
The Collegian!**

## On Campus

# Students approve amended SGA constitution

By Alfredo Norberto  
Staff Writer

The UTB/TSC student body has voted overwhelmingly to approve the changes proposed by the Student Government Association to its constitution. The amendments contain changes ranging from the number of members to the titles of the executive board.

A total of 357 people voted Nov. 19 and 20 to approve the changes, while only 29 voted against it, said Sam Perez, SGA parliamentarian. This represents 62.9 percent of the total school population.

The turnout, however, was seen as favorable by Dean of Students Mari Fuentes-Martin.

"I'm very pleased with the number of people who voted, which is almost 600," Fuentes-Martin said. "We also got a lot of positive comments from students about other campus issues they wanted [the SGA] to address." Fuentes-Martin also said that the number of voters for this election almost matched the number of people voting last spring in the SGA general elections.

The approved amendments include:

- increasing the number of representatives from 25 to 30
- changing the titles of the executive board members to vice president for administration (formerly vice president), vice president for public relations (formerly secretary), vice president for accounting and financing (formerly treasurer), vice president for policy and procedure (formerly parliamentarian), and vice president for historical archives (formerly historian); each representative now will be titled senator.

-creating a freshman council. Perez called freshman "the future of SGA" and said the creation of the five-member freshman council is geared toward getting them more involved.

-announcing voting dates annually. This will be done by the Office of the Dean of Students, Election Committee, SGA advisers and election commissioner.

Perez said one of the reasons the vote turnout was relatively high was the participation of the STING Success Peer Mentoring Program students, who were encouraged to vote as part of the program's attempt to involve these incoming freshmen in campus life and so let them know they have a voice on campus.

"We let them use [the voting] as an activity log," said Meredith Tamayo, the student development specialist in charge of the STING program. "If they wanted to fill it out, they had to go ahead and participate in the election process and write a little summary on what they did."

Asked whether she thought it was a good idea to get the freshmen involved in the elections so early, Tamayo replied, "Oh, definitely. I think the mentors have done a really good job about telling them about the student government meetings. Some even take their students to the meetings to learn about the issues on campus. Once they learn about stuff like that, more than likely they've more interested in finding out about further things that are affecting their life here at the university."

Peer mentor Joe Vasquez was also upbeat about his students' reaction to participating on the election.

"It was very positive, it was the first time they had contact with anything to do with student government," Vasquez said. "Some had questions regarding what's the role on campus of SGA. It was very stimulating as far as them finding and wanting information on student government."

Freshman psychology major Frank Serrano said the elections "are something to do

## Gift of giving



JOHN CRABER/COLLEGIAN

Agthuen Nieto-Cruz (left), head of the Student Affairs Action Team, donations were collected by Action presents Manuela Hernandez, Team members and given to 12 Blandina Ibarra, Nora Hilda families in the Student Center on Martinez, and Lupita Lopez with Nov. 21.

## The UT Optional Retirement Plan

### Is Your Investment Strategy Working for You or Against You?

Let us give you a detailed written evaluation of your account using the industry's leading investment tools.

We think there is a better way to reach your goals.

BOB RICHARDSON & ASSOCIATES, INC.

Retirement  
and  
Financial  
Planning\*

Mutual Funds\*

Money  
Management\*



BOB RICHARDSON, RFC, CLU, ChFC  
Chartered Financial Consultant  
Registered Financial Consultant  
Investment Advisory Representative  
542-1775

Brownsville, Texas

78520

Investment advice representative with and/or securities offered through Bob Richardson, Inc. Member NASD and SIPC. 2600 Seabreeze Rd. (Rd. 1, P.O. Box 112) Austin, TX 78768 512-326-7326

KLDS1196-9/01



## On Campus

## Chinese professor, student reflect on experiences here

By Elizabeth Nenque  
Staff Writer

"Remembering Xin Xiang," a book written by William Adams, professor of Social Science at UTB/TSC, describes his year of experiences in Xin Xiang, China, as a foreign professor at Henan Normal University. The book is a record of his impressions of the Chinese people, the university, and the relationships that he and his wife developed with the students and faculty.

The Adams' stay in China has opened the door for a student and a professor of Henan Normal to experience Western life and education here.

Visiting professor Yuefong Lu arrived in Brownsville in September to translate Adams' book. Lu said he also presents lectures, "literary lessons and history lessons ... that concern



Yuefong Lu

China." The topics range from Tiananmen Square and Confucius to the Ming Dynasty and the educational system in China. Such lectures provide students with firsthand information and a deeper understanding about China and its people.

Lu, a professor of English, met Adams at the Chinese university, which is located in the city of Xin Xiang, in the province of Henan.

"Every year [the English department of] our university invites [a native speaker] to teach at our university," Lu explained. Adams responded to the invitation to teach in China with his wife from 1999 to 2000.

Also visiting UTB/TSC from China is Helen Hu, a former student of Adams and Lu at Henan Normal, who arrived in May. Hu is seeking a double master's degree in interdisciplinary studies and business administration. She plans to graduate in three years.

"In China a foreign degree is very valuable, especially a degree from the U.S.," Hu said. "With two master's degrees, I will be better off. When I go back I will find a very good job and have a good future."

Upon graduation she will return to China, where she



Helen Hu

hopes to obtain a job in international business. New opportunities are available since China recently entered the World Trade Organization.

While the Adamses were in China, Hu served as their interpreter and guide.

"I had a lot of opportunities to travel with them—boost up my traveling wisdom of China," Hu said.

It was with the help of the Adamses that she was afforded

the opportunity to study here.

Both Lu and Hu agree that Adams' book is "very favorable, humorous and accurate" in its depiction of Chinese life and culture.

Lu spoke of the differences between UTB/TSC and Henan Normal.

"I can't help but compare your university with my university," the Chinese professor said. "Henan Normal seems cramped with all 10,000 students living on campus."

Both visitors likened UTB/TSC to a garden, because of its scenic landscape. They are impressed with the university system and its educators. Lu was especially surprised at the availability of higher education to all citizens.

Hu hopes to learn about Western culture and take back with her a greater understanding of her own culture.

OUR LOWEST PRICE THIS YEAR!

BEALLS

Sale 24.99  
Levi's® Jeans for him

Plus FREE T-shirt  
with Purchase

Get one free logo tee with any young man's Levi's® jeans you buy. Choose 505® regular-fit, 550™ relaxed fit, reg. 35.00; or 560™ loose-fit, reg. 38.00. All in cotton denim; waists 29-40.

SALE 24.99 ea.

Young Men's Sportswear: One T-shirt per customer, please, while supplies last. Prices effective thru December 8, 2001.



an AMERICAN ORIGINAL  
GET INVOLVED at levis.com



CHARGE IT! GET 10% OFF ALL DAY WHEN YOU OPEN A NEW ACCOUNT.  
Excludes reg. pay. Subject to credit approval.

For the store nearest you, call 1-800-324-1313  
or log on at [www.bealls.com](http://www.bealls.com)

# On Campus

## Delay

Continued from Page 1

that got wet during one of the rains that caught us off guard, so we're having to go back and replace [it]. That takes time."

While disappointed by the delay, Moore said he is taking the time to make sure the building is right.

"A lot of it is the kinds of things that sometimes happen in projects," he said. "We'd rather get it right and have it be a little bit late than not have everything as special as it could be. We really want to make sure we have a beautiful building."

Moore anticipates that a fully usable Student Union will be ready sometime after April 1. Despite this delay, the original \$9 million funding for the Student Union should still be sufficient.

"I certainly would have hoped that we could've finished on time just as we had projected 18 months ago," Moore said. "I'm disappointed and I know other folks are disappointed that it's not going to open right on time. On the other hand, we would rather be a little late and have it all exactly like we want it to be than to rush through and then not be happy with something."

Because the new Student Union will not be available until April, university officials are working to repair the air conditioning in the old Student Center, which has not been functioning in a major-

ty of the building for several weeks.

The Student Center uses a chiller compressor of air conditioning that uses a system of chilled water. Rather than replacing or repairing the old chiller compressor in the Student Center, it will be hooked up to the university's central plant. During the Christmas break, ditches will be dug around campus to run the chilled water to the Student Center. Moore is hopeful that repairs will be complete by late January.

"I've approved the funding [of \$50,000] for that and they're buying materials now," Moore said. "We hope to do it while students are away so that the disruption is minimized, maybe still some work going on when [students] get back in January. Luckily it's during the cooler part of the year. We hope to get it done when students are away."

Despite the fact that Moore will step down from his position this month, he will continue to oversee construction on campus.

"I'm going to continue doing new construction on campus, which means I'll finish the Student Union," he said. "I'll finish whatever little things we have on the Life and Health Sciences building. I'll work on the Education-Business complex, the new building that we got approved that we're designing right now."

## Club Spotlight

**Name:** Scorpion Spirit Leading Club.  
**Purpose:** To encourage school spirit, have a fun organization and develop leadership.  
**Sponsor:** Meredith Tamayo.  
**President:** Sam Perez.  
**Vice president:** Yaeli Acres.  
**Secretary:** Rebecca Ashley.  
**Treasurer:** Alex Salinas.  
**Parliamentarian:** Kim Laraine.

**Historians:** Eric Morales and Gilma Acosta.

**Meets:** At 2 p.m. every Friday in South Hall 117.

**Fund-raisers:** Play Station 2 drawing and a Winter Camp for kids, ages 6 to 13.

**For more information, call:** Tamayo at 983-7200.

—Compiled by Josie Chávez



Members of the Scorpion Spirit Leading Club include (front row, from left) Sam Perez, president; Martina Garcia; Alex Salinas, treasurer; Marie Avila; and Sylvia Mendoza. Second row: Isaac Olivarez; Yaeli Acres, vice president; Yvette Betancourt; Jennifer Petrarca;

Rebecca Ashley, secretary; and Mary Alvarado. Third row: Eric Morales, historian; Gracie Bryan; Pamela Flores; Veronica J. Rocha; Erica P. Rios; and Kim Laraine. Back row: Emma Holé; Gilma E. Acosta, historian; Nereida Rangel; and Vanessa Rangel.

## Campus Police Report

Two burglaries, three burglar alarms, a silent alarm and five car accidents are among the incidents reported by Campus Police for the weeks of Nov. 12-18 and Nov. 19-25.

On Nov. 12, a 1988 red Honda Civic and a 1997 green Honda Accord collided in the faculty parking lot next to the Education Building. The driver of the Accord fled the scene. No injuries were reported.

On Nov. 14, two Ford trucks collided at the intersection of Ridgely Road and 18th Street. No injuries were

reported.

On Nov. 15, a 1992 green Pontiac Grand Prix and a 1993 green Ford Explorer collided on Levee Street while leaving Duffley Plaza.

On that same day, a student reported that the tailgate of his 1997 white Nissan pickup truck was taken while it was parked in the faculty parking lot next to the Education Building.

On Nov. 17, a student flagged Campus Police after she found her Dodge Caravan burglarized. The student had parked the van in the student parking lot outside the library at noon; upon

her return at 1:30 p.m. she noticed items from her glove compartment scattered and a plastic toolbox missing. Campus Police discovered some damage on the driver's side door.

At 12:15 p.m. that same day, a custodial employee accidentally set off a burglar alarm at the Continuing Education Annex.

On Nov. 19, a student reported that her Ford F-150 truck was struck while parked in the student parking lot outside North Hall. The passenger side door had been

damaged. There were no witnesses.

On Nov. 20, a 1996 gray Ford F-350 and a 1994 gray Ford Club Wagon collided on Ringgold Road in front of the Life and Health Sciences building.

On that same day, three alarms were set off accidentally. At 1 p.m., a silent alarm button was pressed at the President's Office; a staff member who leaned on the desk set it off.

At 4:05 p.m. Campus Police received a call from Security International in reference to an alarm at the Old

Morgue. The alarm was set off while Physical Plant employees were working in the building.

At 8 p.m. Campus Police received a call from Circle Industries in reference to a burglar alarm that was set off at the Physical Plant.

On Nov. 21 a student flagged down a Campus Police officer after his bicycle was stolen from the bicycle rack between South Hall and the tennis courts. The blue MongOOSE mountain bike had been chained to the rack.

—Ildafonso Ortiz

## On Campus

## Forget the flakes; instant oracle; smooth shave

By Becky Sher

Knight Rider/Tribune  
News Service

Remember that cool V-neck sweater your girlfriend gave you for your birthday last year? The black one you were too embarrassed to wear because of the dandruff you just can't get rid of? (Yeah, the one you wouldn't give back when you, ahem, parted ways.) Well, your honey may be long gone, but that doesn't mean you can't wear the sweater. Once you get rid of the dandruff, that is. Why not try Nizoral A-D? The anti-dandruff shampoo used to be available by prescription only, but now you can buy it at drug stores and mass merchandisers such as Wal-Mart.

Plus, Nizoral comes in travel-size packets, so you can take it with you when you head to Grandma's house for the holidays, or to your best friend's sleepover bash on New Year's Eve. Pick up a 4-ounce bottle

for \$10 or a box of 10 travel-size packets for about 7 bucks. You might find out that black is really your color.

If you've exhausted that Magic 8-Ball you got for Christmas a few years ago, fear not, we have a new soothsayer sure to answer all your pressing questions. (Will I get an A on my history final? Does Mom know I haven't changed my sheets since Clinton was president?) It's called "The Movie Book of Answers" (Hyperion, \$16), and the title pretty much sums up this clever little fortune-teller. Basically, it's a hardcover book filled with quotes from movies—some of 'em you've seen ("Babe," "Top Gun"), some you probably haven't ("The Spy Who Came in From the Cold," for instance). The instructions recommend that you concentrate for a few seconds on whatever is plaguing you (only close-ended questions, please), place your hands on the book's cover, and then

stroke the pages until you "sense the time is right." When you get that tingly feeling, open the book to that page and get your answer.

Here, we'll try it. "Will I wake up with a zit on the day of my big date?" Answer: "Simply remember your favorite things" (from "The Sound of Music.") Hmm, we'll have to think about that one.

OK, 'fess up—how many times have you shaved your legs since you put your bathing suit away for the winter? Yeah, us too. But with the holidays here, and lots of little black dresses to wear to swanky soirees, it's time to break out the razor again. And while you're at it, why don't you give your game a festive treat? Pick up a bottle or two of Skintimate shave gel.

Sure, Skintimate is designed to shield your skin from those once-inevitable nicks and cuts, but this is nothing like the shaving cream you usually

swipe from your brother's medicine cabinet. It comes in a bunch of fab fragrances, like Glistening Pear and Soothing Lavender. Plus, it leaves your skin as smooth as a baby's... well, you know. You'll step out of the shower smelling sweet, slip into your favorite party

outfit and marvel at how smooth your legs feel. (After weeks in condarys and jeans, you'd almost forgotten what they looked like, hadn't you?) Look for Skintimate for about \$2.50 a bottle at drugstores, supermarkets and mass retailers.

Design Competition for  
Anniversary Plaza

UTB/TSC has an acre and a half of land set aside for a future plaza made and designed by students. The area of land is east of the newly constructed Student Union building and south of the Life and Health Science building. The plaza's construction will be part of an anniversary-themed contest. The contest is open to all students interested. An individual student, a group of students or club, can submit designs. They can submit their ideas in form of a drawing, a scale model, a computer graphic image, or anything that can convey their proposed design. First prize is \$1000, second prize is \$500 and \$200 for third. Students are encouraged to be as creative as possible. Contest rule packets and entry forms can be picked up at the dean of students' office. All entries must be submitted by 5 P.M. Jan. 31, at the office of the Dean of Students.

—Yosma Bazaldua

**COOL!**  
I gotta have this plan!

**FREE Phone!!\***  
**FREE Turkey!!\***  
\*With Activation

**Never worry about paying over.....**  
**\$4000**  
Plus Tax

**Call for more details...534-3645**

**LOPEZ WIRELESS**  
"Where Communication & Customer Service Meet"

**Hey Mom!**  
The turkey's on ME this year!

**We Can Solve Most Credit Issues!**

Present your school I.D. and receive a **FREE Gift!**  
\*Upon Activation

**LOPEZ BMC Shopping Center • 724 Central Blvd. • 956.534.3645 Offer Expires 01/10/02**

# On Campus

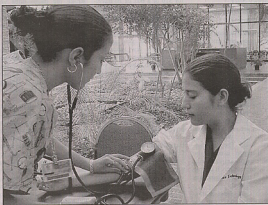
## Health career talk



COURTESY: ADAM LARSEN

Shamina Davis, program director for the Medical Laboratory Technology program, was a guest speaker for the Students Toward Excellence in Medicine club. Davis discussed careers in MLT at the club's Nov. 9 meeting.

## Pressure check



YVONNE BALDWIN/STAFF

Veronica Guerra, a freshman studying medical laboratory technology, takes Porter High School senior Dalia Vega's blood pressure during the Mini

Health Fair sponsored recently by the Continuing Education's Health Professions Department at Duffey Plaza.

## SGA Continued from Page 4

right for students out there, give them more choices." He added that although he was informed about the issues, he was not clear about them. He also said he was able to read a copy of the amended constitution at the voting booth. Like many freshmen, this was Sorra's first time voting in a school election. He said he

was glad he voted and that his voice was being heard by the SGA.

The voting results were presented to the Dean of Students. The results will then be forwarded to University of Texas System for documentation, and then will be presented to the UT board of regents for final approval. Perez said this should all be done within a year.

**Visit The Collegian  
Online at  
[www.sa.utb.edu/  
collegian/](http://www.sa.utb.edu/collegian/)**

## BROWNSVILLE ADULT LITERACY CENTER

Help adults learn to read and write English.

To become a great instructor you need:

- To model Standard American English

-To want to help others.

No prior teaching experience is necessary.

The Brownsville Adult Literacy Center welcomes inquiries about our programs. Call us for information or to make an appointment!

**Make a difference today!**



**Brownsville Adult Literacy Center**  
1235 E. Jefferson  
Brownsville, TX  
542-8080

<http://www.balcweb.tripod.com>

A United Way Agency

# On Campus

## Campaign Continued from Page 1

The spots are aimed at all audiences. The first commercial is set to air next week.

Strong also emphasized the university's effort to get students' input. Part of the campaign hopes to get students more involved. Students' opinions and ideas are welcomed in creating the image they want to set for the campus.

"We have smart students, a world-class faculty, and we want the region to know about it," Strong said.

In continuing the spirit of Texas Southmost College's 75th anniversary and UTB's 10th, the campus has made it a goal to inform people about everything it took to get the school where it is today. Much of it has to do with enlightening current students, prospective students and residents about the school's rich history.

"We have a story to tell that a lot of people have not heard," Strong said.

Much of the UTB/TSC story has been shared on KMBH-FM (88.1), where Strong has narrated the "Anniversary Minutes," historical facts

about UTB/TSC. Strong said that UTB/TSC's history dates back to the pre-Civil War era and touches all kinds of topics. The school believes it is essential to inform people about the past in order to move ahead in the future.

Brownsville author Carl Chilton Jr., who attended Texas Southmost College in the 1960s, has a column in the Brownsville Herald that provides some of the material used in the "Anniversary Minutes." Some of the research has also been done by Strong and his staff. Strong said he does a narration a week. So far the station has aired minutes covering yellow fever research at Fort Brown and a comparison of the early campus and new university developments. KMBH-FM will air 25 history minutes throughout the year. The minutes cover portions of the campus history aimed at teaching the community and students their heritage, too.

"Cicero said, 'To be ignorant of history is to be always a child.' In order to grow up as an institution we need to know what our roots are. ... We will move forward with strength," Strong said.

# UTB TSC

## Fall 2001 Final Exam Schedule

Date/Exam Time	8:00-10:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	2:00-4:30 p.m.	5:00-7:30 p.m.	8:00-10:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 4				T 4:25-7:05 p.m. Classes	T 7:15-10:00 p.m. Classes
Wednesday, Dec. 5	MWF 8:00-8:50 a.m. Classes	M-W 10:55 a.m.-12:05 p.m. MWF 11:00-11:50 a.m. 1:00-1:50 p.m. Classes	MWF 2:00-2:50 p.m. MWF 3:00-3:55 p.m. Classes	W 4:25-7:05 p.m. MWF 5:30-6:45 p.m. Classes	W 7:15-10:00 p.m. Classes
Thursday, Dec. 6	Th 9:25-10:40 a.m. Classes	Th 12:15-1:30 p.m. Classes	Th 3:05-4:20 p.m. Classes	Th 5:30-6:45 p.m. Th 4:25-7:05 p.m. Classes	Th 7:15-10:00 p.m. Classes
Friday, Dec. 7	MWF 9:00-9:50 a.m. Classes	MWF 12:00-12:50 p.m. Classes	F 1:00-4:00 p.m. Classes		
Saturday, Dec. 8	S 8:30-11:30 a.m. Classes (Exam 8:30-11:00 a.m.)				
Monday, Dec. 10	MWF 10:00-10:50 a.m. Classes		MW 3:05-4:20 p.m. MWF 3:00-3:50 p.m. Classes	M 4:25-7:05 p.m. Classes	M 7:15-10:00 p.m. Classes
Tuesday, Dec. 11	Th 8:00-9:15 a.m. Classes	Th 10:55 a.m.-12:05 p.m. Classes	Th 1:40-2:55 p.m. Classes		



# UTB/TSC

Presents the  
2001

## Posada and Pastorela

Come enjoy the festivities, which include mariachis, pinatas, food and lots of fun!

Begins at 6 p.m. Dec. 7 in the Free Speech Area





## On Campus

## Computer prices hit an all-time low

By David Hayes

Knight Ridder Newspapers

I'm having a serious case of digital envy.

People are buying computers all around me, and it's making me crazy. My angst doesn't have anything to do with the friends who are buying, or what they're bringing home. It's just that all these sub-basement sale prices have given me a serious itch to buy.

The computer industry has made an art form out of telling consumers now is the best time to buy. This time, the industry may not be stretching the truth.

The average price of a personal computer has fallen to an all-time low. According to research firm NPD Intellect, the average sale price for a personal computer during the first nine months of the year fell below \$900 for the first time—\$899.

To put that in perspective, in late 1995 an average computer sold for around \$2,100. The price dropped to \$1,173

in 1998. By 1999, the price had dropped further, to \$984, according to NPD Intellect. And last year, the average price was \$957.

At the same time, computers have gotten faster, monitors have gotten bigger, hard drives are virtual caverns and manufacturers routinely add CD-ROM burners.

Sub-\$800 computers, an industry fad to lure new buyers three years ago, have been replaced by sub-\$600 computers.

For \$599, Gateway is selling a computer with a 1.1-gigahertz Intel Celeron processor, 20-gigabyte hard drive, 128 megabytes of random access memory (RAM) and 15-inch monitor. The deal includes Windows XP (\$99) and a free year of America Online (\$287), which effectively means that the actual computer costs about \$212 if you go the AOL route.

Dell is offering a similar deal, although Gateway has the Austin, Texas, manufacturer beat on giveaways (Dell is only offering six

months of free AOL service).

For the average user, these are workmanlike computers and terrific deals. For surfing, they will fly across the Web. They will handle office tasks easily.

Seasoned computer users, however, would scoff. Many computer games and some new Internet telephonic applications require both sound and video cards—separate components that fit into the motherboard, the heart of the computer. Sound and video elements for the lower-price models are built into the motherboard and aren't as robust, so some games will run poorly. And neither the Dell nor the Gateway comes with a CD-ROM burner.

Cutting some of those corners is the reason these computers can sell at sub-\$600 prices. The components are, for the most part, low budget. To start, they use Intel's Celeron processor, which is a couple of steps below the Pentium 3 or Pentium 4, which are included in top-of-

the-line computers today. The Celeron chips also wholesale for 25 percent of the cost of the lowest-price Pentium 4 chips.

Pentium vs. Celeron: Is this a big deal? Probably not, depending on how you use the computer. Here's why.

In general, the difference between the Celeron and Pentium 3 processors might very well go unnoticed by an average computer user. The primary difference is twofold: bus speed and Level 2 cache.

Bus speed generally determines how fast data are transferred within a computer. Celerons have a bus speed of 66 megahertz, while the bus in Pentiums generally is either 100 or 133 megahertz. Is the difference important if you aren't doing graphics? Probably not.

In fact, processor speed—those 1.1 to 2 gigahertz numbers you hear when someone tells you how fast a computer is—is generally overstated. I've seen the same model computer, one with a 1-gigahertz processor and the other with a 1.5-gigahertz, run Microsoft Office programs side by side. For the most part, the difference in speed, and therefore productivity, is tough to see.

There also is a difference

between the Pentium and Celeron chips in the processor's Level 2 cache. The L2 cache keeps recently used data close to the processor, which makes a computer work a bit faster and improves performance. The new Celerons have an L2 cache, but it isn't as large as the Pentium 3 cache. Again, is the difference important to an average user? Probably not.

But if these are factors, prices even on mid-range and state-of-the-art computers are way down.

If you do decide to buy, you won't be alone. Computer sales are indeed way down, and the industry is suffering its biggest slump in history—thus the low prices.

But there still are plenty of consumers upgrading and buying second or even third computers for their homes.

Is having a second computer self-indulgent? You'll have to decide that on your own. But there are some numbers to consider if you think your friends will think you're a nerd for having a second computer.

But by late next year, according to forecasts, 10 percent of American homes will have at least two computers.

You're getting sleepy ...



Rich Ames (left) and his wife Marielle hypnotize students during a show Nov. 14 in the Student Center.

## Callardo Insurance Agency (CIA)

"Serving the Rio Grande Valley of Texas"

Brownsville  
504-5980

Los Fresnos  
233-1160

Raymondville  
689-1181



Commercial & Auto Insurance  
Home Insurance

## Duras Afinos

Cigar Registrator y Aficionados.com

Clove And Herbal Cigarettes  
Pipes, Tobacco  
Humidors

BUDGET  
Lighters, Cigarette Cases  
Cigar Time Accessories

Open

Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday 12 p.m.-6 p.m.

2378 N. Expressway, Suite 1062  
Brownsville, Texas  
(512) 447-0807

Twitter Mail "Aficionados in Afinos"

## Life Zone

## More people are dressing up during downturn

By Jackie White

Knight Ridder Newspapers

Television anchors do it. So do lawyers in the courtroom, bank officers, some CEOs and job seekers.

Even White House staffers dress in suits or something akin to the traditional corporate uniform.

Yet for many American workers, the idea has fallen off the horizon. Corporate casual, meaning anything from sport shirts and sweaters to khaki pants and golf shirts, has been the modern mantra for office attire.

Until recently.

Today the change is subtle, slow and hardly discernible on the streets and in the stores in the Midwest. But the ensigning, almost-anything-goes attitude about work clothes is beginning to shift to a more polished, serious professional image, industry observers say. It's not that there is a stampede to the suit racks. More certain,

everyone is taking everything, including work and ultimately appearance, more seriously.

"It's happening very slowly," says David Wolfe, creative director for Donagoe Group, New York-based retail consultants. "But when people look at the job landscape and read in the papers of the gloom and layoffs, it's natural to value their jobs a bit more. And they want to dress in a way that is natural and productive."

Things were beginning to change before the world turned upside down Sept. 11. Some dot-com companies suffered major come-downs. The techies' nerdy in polo shirts and crew necks were old hat. The economy was spluttering.

At Hickey Freeman, an upscale tailored clothing company known for dressing CEOs and presidents, the shift was definitely in process last summer. In July and August, sales in basic suits were up three times over the year

before, executive Pauleta Garassafalo says. This fall, Xerox switched back to corporate dress.

And after the terrorist attacks, the mood has been far more somber. Job insecurities exacerbated.

At the same time, a dressier tailored look gives people a sense of control. And perhaps more important, it sets one apart.

New York-based fashion designer Joseph Abboud says he has seen a marked difference in the attitude toward dress.

"I have been noticing people going to restaurants a year ago were very casual," he says. "Then I was surprised to see how many people were dressing up more. It was only a matter of time before the pendulum started to move, because things had gotten so casual. Then we got to Sept. 11, and everybody got more serious."

Gabrielle Kaniger, CEO of

the Central Exchange, an organization for professional women, also notes the workplace commands more respect. And she believes visuals will follow. "People are saying, 'I need this job.' It will reflect in the way they are coming to work."

It's almost like kids in uniform, she says. There is a definite difference in the focus of someone in blue jeans and an old scruffy sweater and someone in a blazer and white shirt.

The reality still runs the gamut at the retail level, complicated all the more by the consumers' reluctance to spend big money. Shopping slowed almost to a halt in the second week of September.

Al Leinen, the tailored-menswear buyer at the Kansas City specialty store Halls, discerns a decided movement among consumers. A younger generation, many of whom have never had to wear suits, want to dress up. And sales are up in suits because people

think they bring more respect, he says.

For next year, Leinen expects to raise his suit purchases from 40 percent to 45 percent or 50 percent and cut back sport coats from 60 percent to 55 percent or 50 percent. "It's important to look the part, whatever business you're in," he says.

Meanwhile, Scott Baskin, the Chicago-based CEO of Mark Shale stores that markets both men's and women's clothing, says he has read and heard about a return to corporate dress, but what he sees mostly is an effort to spill up business casual.

So are things changing? Probably, but it is in the embryo stage. People are decidedly reluctant to spend considerable money on clothes right now, David Wolfe says, but the psychological seed is planted.

"Everybody is taking a step up. It's just different-size steps."



## TSC BOOKSTORE

ELVES WILL GIVE YOU  
EXTRA HO HO HO!  
CASH \$\$\$



FOR EVERY \$10.00  
WORTH OF BOOKS ...  
\$SEARN \$5  
A BOOK BUCK  
WHICH CAN BE  
USED TOWARD  
PURCHASING  
YOUR SPRING  
SEMESTER  
TEXTBOOKS

DECEMBER 4-11  
8 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

## WHERE:

1. Free Speech Area
2. Life & Health Sciences Courtyard
3. Between North & South Halls
4. TSC Bookstore



REMEMBER: NOW IS THE TIME TO  
RESERVE YOUR SPRING TEXTBOOKS



## Viewpoint

## A night with 'Old Santos'

By Arnie Gonzalez  
Columnist

You might think I am ripping off Cheech and Chong's "Santa Claus and His Old Lady," but I truly did know Santa Claus. He used to come by my house every year, before he delivered his gifts, to chill out before hitting the stress levels that awaited him in the skies. You see, back then I used to drink. I am glad to say it has been four and a half years since I have touched any alcoholic beverage.

So, Santa would come and knock at my back door and say, "Let's hit the old forty yo!" (He is an old school punk who got in trouble rubbing a liquor store and now has to play Santa Claus for the witness protection program.) And, we would go to my fridge and pull out a Mickey. Santa could not take that much, and after four Miceys, he would be telling me all his secrets and stories that no one was ever supposed to know. He revealed to me his real name, which was not Santa at all; it was Santos De Los Claudioues (where his parents got that one is still a mystery to me). After most of the "I love you, man!" and the "Dude, I have no legs!" comments, he told me a very interesting story that I have not yet forgotten to this day.

"You see, Arnie, one day I decided to fly over and take a tour of the UTB/TSC campus. I did not feel that I was at all welcome. I was walking past Champion Hall and was greeted by a see-through man on a horse with a pilgrim's mask, and he told me, *No se quedes aqui, o te matas, gringos!*" I did not hesitate and left for another part of the campus, which brought me to the Faculty/Staff Dining Room in the Student Center. Boy, did I hear screaming and shouting! I thought there was some type of very important meeting going on, so I peeked my head in. Man did I laugh my big pit-toe off when I heard what they were arguing about—I

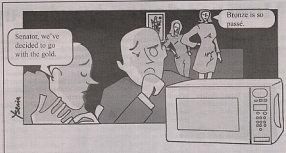
almost got discovered. This gentleman—I am not mean, so I'll call him Ted—had a most funny request. He and his clan had purchased a microwave; never had the chance to use it, because there was no room for it in their office. So, they decided to donate it to the lunchroom on the second floor of the North Pole—I mean Hall. I started to smile, because there was someone with a giving heart for once, and had walked almost out the door when I heard this question: "Will we get a plaque for it?"

"Man, people should donate just to get that satisfying feeling knowing that they helped someone or come out, not to get some recognition for it, or for your own advancement within this little four-year society that we call UTB/TSC. We will be leaving it soon. The only thing that you'll be taking with you is your degree and whatever prestige you have left, not some old microwave with a gold-plated plaque. It is the many students' efforts, and their thousands of dollars of tuition, that keep this school going. I have never seen any of them request a plaque (although putting up with some of the stuff here would make them a good candidate for one).

"Oh, and there was this little guy—poor fellow—who pleaded wholeheartedly for his shirt and name tag; he was outvoted 14 to 1. We'll leave him alone; he suffered enough already.

"I think this Mickey has hit me harder than I thought. I'll just sit here and chill until I go up tonight, don't you think?"

I just chilled with him for a bit, had a few more laughs and walked inside after watching his sleigh ride away into the night sky. I really didn't know that Santa (or Santos) could be so deep. I always thought he was simply the "present guy," who gave us presents, somewhat similar to the "weather man," who gives us the weather.



## Student Soapbox

## What are you going to do during the break?

"I'm going to Mexico to spend time with my family and have a dinner with them."

—Kella Salinas

Freshman music major

"I'm going to my grandparents (home) in Mexico and have a get-together."

—Leonor de la Fuente

Freshman education major

"I plan to go with my family to Florida and visit my uncle and have a Merry Christmas."

—Erica Velez

Freshman education major

"I'm going to spend it with my family and friends and I will go to Houston with my sister for New Year's."

—Carol de Luna

Freshman marketing major

—Compiled by Josie Chávez

## Letters to the Editor Policy

Letters for *The Collegian* can be sent to:

The Collegian  
Student Center  
80 Fort Brown  
Brownsville, Texas 78520  
e-mail: [collegian@utb1.utb.edu](mailto:collegian@utb1.utb.edu)  
phone: (956) 544-8263  
fax: (956) 544-3836

All letters must be typed, saved on disk and no longer than 250 words. Letters must include the name, classification and phone number of letter writer or the letter cannot be published. Opinions expressed in *The Collegian* are those of the writers and do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Collegian* or UTB/TSC administrators. The editor reserves the right to edit letters for grammar and content.

## The Collegian

*The Collegian* is the student newspaper serving *The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College*. The newspaper is widely distributed on a campus of more than 9,000 students, and is a member of the *Texas Intercollegiate Press Association*.

Collegian Editor — John Strahle

Collegian Deputy Editor —

Diana V. Alford

Deputy Editor —

Diana V. Alford

Staff Writers — Yvonne Bonilla, John Chavez, Lily Kump, Elizabeth Nunez

Graphic Artist — Yvonne Bonilla

Photographers — Chris Aguilera, Alex Kwon, Ramon Villalón

Student Publications Coordinator —

Alicia Lopez

# Tiempo Nuevo

## Se acerca fecha límite para Comité de Inscripciones

Por Hildefonso Ortiz  
Editor de Tiempo Nuevo

Se acerca la fecha límite para que un comité haga sus recomendaciones para el plan de inscripción de UTB/TSC.

Cuatro grupos de trabajo bajo el Comité de Planeamiento de Inscripciones tienen hasta el 15 de diciembre para entregar sus recomendaciones al Comité Ideal de Planeamiento de Inscripciones en Estructura Organizacional de la División de Asuntos Estudiantiles. Los grupos de trabajo son, reclutamiento, retención programas y cursos y servicio al cliente.

John Romau, decano de Estudios de Post-grado y Programas Patrocinados y asistente especial al provoste para el plan de inscripción, explicó las responsabilidades de cada uno de los grupos de trabajo.

"La meta del grupo de tra-

bajo para reclutamiento es ver lo que se hace ahora para reclutar estudiantes en el campus y hacer recomendaciones si es necesario", dijo Romau.

El dijo que el grupo de trabajo para la retención de estudiantes es muy importante porque "en cualquier momento 75 por ciento de nuestros estudiantes se gradúan".

El cargo [de programas y cursos] es ver lo que ahora ofrecemos y hacer recomendaciones para programas nuevos si se necesitan", dijo Romau. "Estamos viendo todos los programas que ofrecemos, incluyendo Educación Continua, programas de TSC, y programas de UTB".

El dijo que el cargo del cuarto grupo, servicio al cliente, es investigar y hacer recomendaciones en la forma que la universidad sirve a los estudiantes para hacer su experiencia más placentera.

Romau dijo que uno de los conceptos en los que la universidad necesita trabajar es la cooperación más cercana entre los departamentos.

"Más cooperación entre los departamentos facilitaría el flujo de información, la velocidad de los servicios y todo el proceso de planeación para inscripciones en general", dijo Romau.

Carlo Tamayo, coordinador de Relaciones del Estudiante de Nuevo Ingreso y miembro del grupo de trabajo en reclutamiento, habló sobre el progreso del grupo.

"Al momento estamos viendo los aspectos de reclutamiento para la universidad y buscando formas de incrementar lo que hacemos, incrementar... nuestra eficiencia", dijo Tamayo. "Ahora estamos en el proceso de evaluación".

Tamayo dijo que está optimista sobre los resultados.

"Muchas cosas buenas han

estado pasando, y el diseño de nuevas estrategias que serán implementadas en el futuro son fascinantes", dijo Tamayo. "Sabemos que habrá cosas muy buenas que saldrán del comité que servirán mejor a la universidad".

Vince Solis, director de Actividades Estudiantiles y miembro del grupo de trabajo en servicio al cliente, dijo que su grupo se reúne una vez a la semana y ven cada interacción que tienen los estudiantes con la universidad y las formas para mejorarlas.

"Hemos buscado formas de hacer las cosas más fáciles para los estudiantes, desde inscripciones telefónicas, inscripciones vía Internet, . . .

[hasta] la forma en que se contestan los teléfonos", dijo Solis. "También hemos visto las formas en que se distribuye información, el uso de tecnología para proveerla mejor, y cualquier cosa que podamos ofrecer a los estudiantes".

José Martín, provoste y vice-rector de Asuntos Académicos, dijo que las recomendaciones del Comité para la Planeación de Inscripciones podrían ser implementadas inmediatamente por la junta ejecutiva quien decida qué recomendaciones aprobar y cuando.

A mediados del semestre, la universidad cambió las oficinas de Inscripciones, Ayuda Financiera, Consejería, Relaciones del Estudiante de Nuevo Ingreso, Exámenes, y la Oficina del Decano de la Gerencia de Admisiones a Asuntos Académicos. Anteriormente, estos departamentos se reportaban al vice-rector de Asuntos Estudiantiles. Al momento, directivos dijeron que el cambio era temporal.

En respuesta a por qué sólo hay dos miembros de Asuntos Estudiantiles - Hilda Silva y Solis - en los comités de Planeación de Inscripciones y en el Comité Ideal, Martín contestó: "Este no es un senado; se hizo de esta manera para incluir todos los departamentos y así ver todo el cuadro. Los grupos están trabajando con los dirigentes de la División de Asuntos Estudiantiles y [escuchan sus] presentaciones para poder tener todas las partes del cuadro".

Silva, quien es vice-rectora interina para Asuntos Estudiantiles, también es miembro del Comité Ideal de Planeamiento de Inscripciones en Estructura Organizacional de la División de Asuntos Estudiantiles.

Ruth Ann Ragland, vicerrectora asociada para Asuntos Académicos, preside el Comité Ideal. Este comité tiene hasta el 14 de enero para hacer sus recomendaciones al provoste.

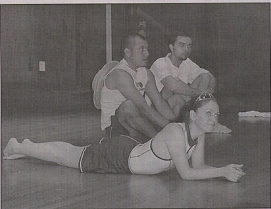
"Estamos trabajando duro para aprender todo lo que hace Asuntos Estudiantiles", dijo Ragland. "Es una división grande con muchos programas y gran alcance de esos programas".

Ella dijo que la universidad está creciendo rápidamente y que el Comité Ideal ha estado pronosticando las necesidades de los estudiantes de UTB/TSC en el futuro.

"Tomaremos esa información, y trabajaremos con ella", dijo Ragland. "Estamos viendo las necesidades de la universidad para los próximos 10 años".

Vimos a tener 20,000 estudiantes en lugar de 10 [mil], entonces estamos tratando de proyectar el futuro y ver quienes serán nuestros estudiantes y cuáles serán sus necesidades para que podamos hacer recomendaciones que permitan ese crecimiento".

## Un ensayo en la playa



ALEX RODRIGUEZ/Collegian

Carmen García, estudiante de arte de segundo año, Jorge López (centro) y Mauricio Sáenz, estudiante de arte de último año, ensayan para "Fotografía en la Playa", una obra de Emilio

Carballido que será presentada por el grupo de teatro universitario "La Ventana" el 9 de diciembre en el auditorio del SET-B a las 5 p.m., la entrada será \$2 por persona.

**Tiempo Nuevo les desea  
una Feliz Navidad y un  
Próspero Año Nuevo**

## Sports

## The Meister's Scorecard

By Trey Mendez  
Sports Editor

Sorry to all you Meister fans out there, but due to space constraints, I was unable to produce a Scorecard last issue. But I am back.

To begin with, the University of Texas has recently jumped to the No. 3 spot in the updated Bowl Championship Series rankings and, with a little bit of help, they just might be playing for the national championship Jan. 3. UT's title hopes depend on whether they can hook the University of Colorado in the annual Big 12 Conference Championship. After that, they will have to hope for a loss from one of the top two teams. With all the recent upsets, anything is possible.

Aside from the St. Louis Rams, there isn't really any NFC team that has jumped out of the field as a possible Super Bowl contender. The Packers are close, as are the 49ers and the Bears. The Rams, who seem unstoppable on turf, are vulnerable on grass. In the AFC, it's just plain ugly.



Nobody is a legitimate Super Bowl contender in my eyes, although the Ravens are my pick at the moment.

In other news, the NBA hasn't been helped very much by the return of Michael Jordan. He is averaging about 26 points a game, but he has less spring in his legs than Rodney Dangerfield. To put it simply, there is no more hang time in "Air Jordan."

Last, but definitely not least, I would like to congratulate the Men's and Women's Soccer Clubs for giving UTB/TSC the reputation of having great soccer players. I must also apologize for not giving either team much coverage this season and I really hope that you guys can become teams soon because you definitely deserve it. Until next semester, this is the Meister saying,  
OOOoooooooooooooooooooo

## Pitcher gets scholarship to Lamar

By Trey Mendez  
Sports Editor

One member of the Scorpion Baseball Team already knows where he will be playing next year.

Sophomore pitcher Roel Garza will finish out his season with the Scorpions, then move on to Division I school Lamar University in Houston, something he sees as a great opportunity.

"It's a great opportunity for me," Garza said. "I'm going to play Division I, so I'm going to play nothing but top teams, and it will be better than junior college."

UTB/TSC Coaches Eric and Lee Roy Gonzalez first saw him at a tryout the Pittsburgh Pirates held at Scorpion Field two years ago and decided to sign him.

Garza said baseball has been a positive influence in his life.

"It has helped me keep on going to school, and keep on getting my grades," he said. "If I can't pass, then I can't play. And [playing] is my main goal."

Garza said he hopes to continue working hard and playing baseball after competing for Lamar.



Trey Mendez/Collegian

UTB/TSC sophomore pitcher Roel Garza signs a letter of intent to play for Lamar University next year.

for college as far as showing my talents. I'm going up to a higher level and it's what I have always wanted."

Garza's baseball experience has taken him from fields of tee ball to Scorpion Field. In high school, he earned first team all district honors as a pitcher and catcher.

"After Lamar, hopefully if everything goes well, maybe I can get picked up by the minor leagues or something," he said.

UTB/TSC pitching coach Kiki Treviño said that when the team was competing in Galveston, a scout from the Chicago Cubs organization

saw Garza pitch and recommended him to Lamar University, who had never seen him play.

"Without even seeing him, they wanted to sign him," Treviño said. "They are taking the Cubs' scout's word, which is awesome."

Garza spent last year as the closer for the Scorpions, but will be a starting pitcher this year. His arm has gotten stronger and he expects to be much improved with his control.

"He has gone from throwing the ball consistently at 86 miles per hour to throwing around 89 to 93 mph," Treviño said.

"He is coming around. He's got a change-up now and he is throwing his slider for strikes. He does a good job of moving the ball around and throwing strikes."

Treviño believes that Garza won't have a hard time making the jump to a Division I school.

"He's a good kid," Treviño said. "He is going to be all right, it is going to be a different environment out there."

Treviño sees a lot of potential in the young pitcher, and has the feeling that he will end up being drafted into the major leagues.

"Hopefully, if he doesn't get drafted this summer, he'll get drafted next year or the following year, as long as he stays injury free," Treviño said. "He has come a long way because he works hard. If he wants something he goes out and works to get it."

## Men's Soccer reaches semifinals in Florida

By Trey Mendez  
Sports Editor

The UTB/TSC Men's Soccer Club reached the semi-finals in the Association of Collegiate Club Soccer National Championship Tournament before being defeated 2-0.

The tournament, held Nov. 17-18 in Cocoa, Fla., featured an eight-team field. Team captain Eduardo Hierro said the tournament marked a first for the university.

"In all the years of a soccer club, it was the first time they competed in this type of tournament," Hierro said.

The club took 18 players to the tournament and played a total of four games before they were eliminated. They finished with a 1-2-1 win-loss record. The team lost its first match Saturday Nov. 17-2.

They won their next match 5-3 before tying their third match 2-2. The third match was played on Sunday Nov. 17. Since entry into the final round was based on goals scored, UTB/TSC was able to advance.

In the fourth match, held Sunday afternoon, UTB/TSC fell short, losing 2-0, but the players' efforts did not go unnoticed.

"When we played, a lot of people came to watch because they liked our style of play," Hierro said. "The place filled up with people who wanted to watch us."

Hierro noted that their support also came from people who liked their demeanor.

"Because we spoke Spanish, [fans] identified with us," he said. "We were treated very well."

## Athlete of the Week

By Trey Mendez  
Sports Editor

Name: Brenda Puig  
Classification: Sophomore  
Sport: Soccer

P o s t e r i o r

Midfielder/Forward

Major: Pre-med

High School: Pace High School

Honors/Awards: First Team All-District: 11th and 12th grades. All Herald Teams:

12th grade, Texus Women's

Conference All Tournament Team: November 2001

Began playing soccer: at age 18

How has playing soccer helped your life? "It helped me become more disciplined and achieve more goals. I also like the exercise."

Season Analysis: "We did pretty good. We had a very strong team, we united and we became like a family. We succeeded but we managed to struggle until the end with a lot of team effort."

Personal Goals: "Right now I am doing pre-med and I hope to go to Edinburgh to continue with the program. After that I am going to med-



ical school and hopefully become a pediatrician."

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? "I will still be in school studying, but I think that is pretty much it for me in soccer. I don't think I am going to continue playing because of my classes. I need to dedicate more time to that."



## Opera Review: 'Don Pasquale'

By Ysemin Bazaldua  
Staff Writer

I don't know much about opera, but I suspect that a good production of one has to have terrific music, a talented cast, good direction and a happy crowd. The Bravo Opera Company Gala's interpretation of Donizetti's "Don Pasquale" definitely had its share of these qualities as it dazzled and charmed a small audience at the SET-B Lecture Hall recently.

"Don Pasquale" is a complicated but silly little opera of three acts. It has funny characters, mistaken identity, love and a happy ending. As most operas call for, the libretto was all sung in Italian. Of course, those unversed in the language were helped along by English narrations before each scene. My Italian is rusty if not at all nonexistent, so the narrations were a great help.

Juan Treviño played the title role of Don Pasquale. Treviño definitely caught the eyes and ears of people. His bass voice, full of enthusiasm and gusto, captured the character he was portraying. His acting and voice gave his character the right amount of pomposity and integrity in a singing story called for.

Trevino seemed to have a good sense of humor too. Don Pasquale, the aging bachelor, is the center of the scheme, which mocks and belittles him, but Trevino was able to make his character laughable, believable and still full of poise. The crowd giggles as Don Pasquale arrogantly and comically admires his own form. Trevino gave a colorful performance.

Pasquale's friend, Dr. Malatesta, was played by John Moreno. Draped in a cape and a smooth baritone voice, Moreno added the interaction between characters that all stories have.

Dr. Malatesta is the brain behind the scheme that creates the entire plot.

Don Pasquale's nephew Ernesto is your typical lovesick male youth in the story. Nephi Sanchez played Ernesto nicely. Sanchez seemed to feel every note he sang. The hall was filled with his sorrow and loneliness as he sang "Cerchero lontana Terra." He vows to leave for distant parts and live out his life in unending sadness as a poignant trumpet, Lehi Sanchez, plays in the background. His range changes with a nice tenor aria "Com'e gentil" as he sings of his love for Norina. Ernesto and Norina pleased the crowd with a romantic duet, "Tornami a dir che m'ami."

Amy Brownlow in jewels and voice range sparked as the heroine Norina. Norina's character probably had the most note changes and color-filled passages. Brownlow sang her role confidently and fluently. Norina is a shrew one minute, with a high-note-hitting voice, one minute, and a warm-singing lover to Ernesto the next.

Of course, all the leading characters and storyline owe their success to the help of a great supporting ensemble. The piano accompaniments performed by Mina Kramer and Annonette James were masterful. The piano set the pace of everything and was played sensitively to the needs of the performers. Stage direction and chorus performances did their jobs as well.

The ambience brought on by musical skill, direction and an enthused cast of narrators and singing servants made every act thoughtful and fun.

When the opera was over, the lights went up as did the smiles on the faces of audience members.



Yusuf, H. and Zeng, C. 2010.

*Juan Treviño (left) as Don Pasquale and Nephi Sanchez as Ernesto in a scene from "Don Pasquale."*

[illegible]

## Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Play  
4 Large bowl  
10 Cherry  
11 Handless cat  
12 Located  
13 Brown sweater  
17 Fuel ship  
18 Mother of  
Cypriotes  
20 Support group  
21 Boulder  
22 Cloud of vapor  
23 Perfection  
24 Tissue  
27 Someone, like the  
architect  
28 Paddy's  
29 Jewel  
30 Jewel  
31 Jewel  
32 Jewel  
33 Jewel  
34 Jewel  
35 Jewel  
36 Jewel  
37 Jewel  
38 Jewel  
39 Jewel  
40 Jewel  
41 Jewel  
42 Jewel  
43 Jewel  
44 Jewel  
45 Jewel  
46 Jewel  
47 Jewel  
48 Jewel  
49 Jewel  
50 Jewel  
51 Jewel  
52 Jewel  
53 Jewel  
54 Jewel  
55 Jewel  
56 Jewel  
57 Jewel  
58 Jewel  
59 Jewel  
60 Jewel  
61 Jewel  
62 Jewel  
63 Jewel  
64 Jewel  
65 Jewel  
66 Jewel  
67 Jewel  
68 Jewel  
69 Jewel  
70 Jewel  
71 Jewel  
72 Jewel  
73 Jewel  
74 Jewel  
75 Jewel  
76 Jewel  
77 Jewel  
78 Jewel  
79 Jewel  
80 Jewel  
81 Jewel  
82 Jewel  
83 Jewel  
84 Jewel  
85 Jewel  
86 Jewel  
87 Jewel  
88 Jewel  
89 Jewel  
90 Jewel  
91 Jewel  
92 Jewel  
93 Jewel  
94 Jewel  
95 Jewel  
96 Jewel  
97 Jewel  
98 Jewel  
99 Jewel  
100 Jewel



## Solutions

DOWN

- 2 Eye  
3 Mouth  
5 T-shirt  
6 Jelly  
7 Jelly  
8 Jelly  
9 Jelly  
10 Jelly  
11 Jelly  
12 Jelly  
13 Jelly  
14 Jelly  
15 Jelly  
16 Jelly  
17 Jelly  
18 Jelly  
19 Jelly  
20 Jelly  
21 Jelly  
22 Jelly  
23 Jelly  
24 Jelly  
25 Jelly  
26 Jelly  
27 Jelly  
28 Jelly  
29 Jelly  
30 Jelly  
31 Jelly  
32 Jelly  
33 Jelly  
34 Jelly  
35 Jelly  
36 Jelly  
37 Jelly  
38 Jelly  
39 Jelly  
40 Jelly  
41 Jelly  
42 Jelly  
43 Jelly  
44 Jelly  
45 Jelly  
46 Jelly  
47 Jelly  
48 Jelly  
49 Jelly  
50 Jelly  
51 Jelly  
52 Jelly  
53 Jelly  
54 Jelly  
55 Jelly  
56 Jelly  
57 Jelly  
58 Jelly  
59 Jelly  
60 Jelly  
61 Jelly  
62 Jelly  
63 Jelly  
64 Jelly  
65 Jelly  
66 Jelly  
67 Jelly  
68 Jelly  
69 Jelly  
70 Jelly  
71 Jelly  
72 Jelly  
73 Jelly  
74 Jelly  
75 Jelly  
76 Jelly  
77 Jelly  
78 Jelly  
79 Jelly  
80 Jelly  
81 Jelly  
82 Jelly  
83 Jelly  
84 Jelly  
85 Jelly  
86 Jelly  
87 Jelly  
88 Jelly  
89 Jelly  
90 Jelly  
91 Jelly  
92 Jelly  
93 Jelly  
94 Jelly  
95 Jelly  
96 Jelly  
97 Jelly  
98 Jelly  
99 Jelly  
100 Jelly



## Catch this show



Senior art major Katherine L. Bowen opens with a reception at 7 tonight in stands next to "Fantasy Fish," one of the Richardson Art Gallery. The exhibit continues through Friday.

## THE ENLIGHTENED ONES TELL YOU WHAT TO DO...

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23):** Don't read too much Charles Dickens this Christmas, you might get into trouble at your office's Christmas party because you misunderstood what a "Christmas goose" really is.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21):** Remember, Santa Claus is a stranger, don't tell him what you want 'cause you never know what you're gonna get.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You will probably not get your X-box, if you have robbed a liquor store, punched your grandmother, or not met your deadlines; be good.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Remember what Grandma said, "Christmas is a time for joy! It's also time to get whacked out on my special 'egg nog and moonshine' cocktails!"

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You will find yourself throwing a tantrum because you will not get what you want this Christmas.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):** That creaking noise coming from the bedroom is not Mommy kissing Santa

Claus; be careful.  
**Aries (March 21-April 19):** Remember kids, be good or Santa won't be happy. Bad boys get a sock full of coal, and naughty girls — well, naughty girls usually get what they want, thank goodness!

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):** Rudolph and Prancer will have a confrontation on your roof, so forget about your sugar plum dreams and get your slingshot out.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21):** If after telling Santa what you want, he bends you over his knee and starts belting you, you probably have not been good.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22):** You will get arrested after trying to convince people at Christmas parties that broccoli is "extra-strength" mistletoe that gives you the right to slip them the tongue.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):** Yes, New Year's is actually the beginning of a new year.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** There was never a deer named Hendar that had a strobe light nose and an afro; you need to stop smoking that stuff!

## Do you qualify for the TEXAS Grant?

Did you apply for financial aid?

Did you graduate after May 1999?

Were you in recommended or distinguished curriculum in high school?

If so, come talk to Financial Aid about the TEXAS Grant!

**YOU may qualify for extra funds!**

Come by the Financial Aid office at Tandy 206, call 544-8277 or e-mail us at [financialaid@utb.edu](mailto:financialaid@utb.edu)

